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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 42

4 October 1949

1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton  
Lt. Col. Ruwet  
Cdr. Howell  
Lt. Cdr. Nutt  
Lt. Col. Wade

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2. Chapter VII (Scientific) of NIS 26 (USSR) was returned to Army for revision in view of additional information received by Army and of recently received substantive comments by OSI. Also, it having been noted that Section 12 (Transportation and Telecommunications) of NIS S45 (Okinawa) contains a dearth of material, the section was returned to Army for reconsideration and for harmonizing with Section 11 (Military Geography).

3. State having made the following points relative to Section 31 (Railway Transportation System) of NIS 11 (Sweden), the points were brought to the attention of the Committee:

a. The preliminary draft of this section omits almost entirely any reference to the subject of Traffic Data and Related Statistics.

b. Subsection 64D (Railroad Equipment) is primarily concerned with production and trade and makes only brief mention of Traffic Data and Related Statistics.

c. The data last mentioned above are, however, essential to any analysis of the railway transportation system and of requirements for equipment and should be part of the NIS presentation.

The Army member was asked to look into the matter with a view to assuring that the subject of Traffic Data and Related Statistics is adequately treated in Section 31 of NIS 11 and of other NIS.

✓ 4. The following report was made relative to the progress of MBPC (Munitions Board Petroleum Committee) toward taking over the preparation of Subsection 62C (Petroleum) and Supplement V (Petroleum).

a. MBPC working level examination of the project has been completed and the draft of a memorandum on the matter for the Director of Central Intelligence has been submitted to the Munitions Board via the Executive Secretary of MBPC.

b. MBPC feels willing and qualified to accept the assignment provided it receives certain augmentation in personnel.

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c. MBPC feels that, provided recruitment is authorized immediately, it will be able to take over by 1 July 1950 complete responsibility for producing Subsections 62C and Supplements V.

d. When and if final arrangements are completed for MBPC to take over the above-cited responsibility, the Bureau of Mines, Department of Interior, should be notified of withdrawal of CIA support for preparing Subsections 62C at the end of FY 1950.

5. It was mentioned that certain contributions to Chapter III (Transportation and Telecommunications) prepared by the Transportation Corps use both US and metric systems of measurement in the same contribution. It was pointed out that either the US or the metric system, but not both, may be used in the same contribution. Common sense exceptions may of course be made. Thus, in the same section or chapter, it would be correct to mention 75mm and 6" guns. All subcontributors should be impressed with this requirement.

The Army member stated that he had, with regard to the case in point, already instructed Transportation Corps to use one of the two systems, but not both, in any one chapter. He stated that he would reiterate these instructions.

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7. Reference was made to NIS Memorandum No. 3, 14 March 1949, Subject: NIS Base Maps - Supplement to NIS Editorial Instructions, Part III. This memorandum provides, among other things, that, in order to enable the preparation of NIS to be undertaken on areas for which regular base maps have not yet appeared, Map Division will, upon application, issue preliminary base maps on paper stock. These preliminary base maps should then be used by all subcontributors. In order to obviate the repetition of instances where some subcontributors have not used proper preliminary base maps, the following procedure was decided upon:

a. Chapter or section coordinators to obtain preliminary base maps from Map Division.

b. Chapter or section coordinators to distribute to subcontributors the preliminary base maps accompanied by a statement that they will be used in preparing contributions.

8. The next meeting was scheduled for 1000 hours, Tuesday, 11 October 1949, at CI

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